

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

DAUGA

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Appln. No: NEW

Examiner: Unassigned

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Title: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR EXAMINING A SURFACE

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June 22, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above application (filed herewith), please
amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 2, characterized in that the light emanating
from the said source is substantially white.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 2, characterized in that the spectrum of the
light emanating from the said source is substantially the same as the solar spectrum.

6. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the analyser
comprises a means for transmitting the cross polarization and a means for transmitting the
parallel polarization, the said transmission means being alternatively active.

11. (Amended) Process according to claim 9, in which monochromatic digital images
are taken.

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance and such action is hereby solicited. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the Preliminary Amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns about this Preliminary Amendment or this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

Version with markings to show changes made:

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 2 [or 3], characterized in that the light emanating from the said source is substantially white.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 2 [or 3], characterized in that the spectrum of the light emanating from the said source is substantially the same as the solar spectrum.

6. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the analyser comprises a means for transmitting the cross polarization and a means for transmitting the parallel polarization, the said transmission means being alternatively active.

11. (Amended) Process according to Claim 9 [or 10], in which monochromatic digital images are taken.

12. (Amended) Process according to Claim 9 [or 10], in which polychromic digital images are taken.

13. (Amended) Computer program comprising program code means to implement the steps of the process according to [any one of Claims 9 to 12] Claim 9, when the said program runs on a computer.

14. (Amended) Storage medium that can be read by a device for reading program code means which are stored thereon and which are capable of implementing the steps of the process according to [any one of the Claims 9 to 12] Claim 9, when the said program runs on a computer.